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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

G. Trinchieri *et al*

Appln. No.: 09/395,038

Filed: September 13, 1999

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR ENHANCING THE
IMMUNOSTIMULATORY
EFFECT OF INTERLEUKIN-12

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This is in timely response to the Office Action, dated March 14, 2001 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as set forth below.

In the Claims

Cancel claims 16 to 39 without prejudice as non-elected claims.

Amend claims 1, 40 and 41 as follows.

A/ 1(AMENDED). A method for enhancing the adjuvant effect of IL-12 comprising: co-administering to a mammalian patient said IL-12, a vaccine antigen, and an effective amount of at least one agent selected from the group consisting of a nitric oxide inhibiting agent and a neutralizing agent.

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